GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4444
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PURULIA ARMS DROP CASE
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conspiracy was involved in the throwing of arms in the Purulia District of West Bengal in 1995;

(b) whether CBI has disclosed a conspiracy by a foreign power;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether the Union Government were aware of this conspiracy; and;

(e) if so, the steps that were taken by Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): Central Bureau of Investigation dealing with the investigation of the Purulia Arms Drop case, has informed that investigations disclosed that an international conspiracy was hatched by a section of Anand Margis and some foreign nationals, to air drop a huge quantity of arms and ammunition in Purulia, west Bengal.

(d) and (e): The intelligence agencies had prior information about the possibility of arms being unloaded by a small Plane after landing at an abandoned airfield in Dhanbad area of Bihar for an insurgent group of that area. The Government of Bihar was sensitized by the concerned intelligence agency. Although the information pertained to Bihar, the information was also shared with the West bengal Government as a matter of additional precaution.